

REMARKS

Claims 21-35 are active in this application.

Claims 1-20 have been canceled.

Claims 21-35 have been added.

New Claims 21-35 are supported by original Claims 5-18 and the specification (for example, at page 22, line 23 to page 23, line 22). No new matter has been added by the present amendment.

Applicants respectfully submit that the paper copy of the Sequence Listing in this application is identical to the last-filed computer readable Sequence Listing in parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/673,245 filed December 28, 2001. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.821 (e), Applicants request that the Patent Office use the last filed computer readable Sequence Listing filed in the parent application as the computer readable form in the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the instant application. In the event the office encounters difficulty in obtaining a copy of the Sequence Listing from the parent application, Applicants request that the office contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to avoid any delay.

New Application
Preliminary Amendment

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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